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The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on 2-6-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because it does not provide an argument for the double patenting rejection, provide a terminal disclaimer or indicate willingness to file a terminal disclaimer. A request for abatement of a double patenting rejection is not an acceptable response to the rejection. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.